

SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:10, or an amino acid sequence having at least 60% similarity to any one of said sequences.

**Amend the paragraph in lines 15-19 on page 4 to read:**

Still yet a further aspect of the present invention provides a polypeptide encoded by a nucleotide sequence selected from SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:9, or a nucleotide sequence having at least 60% similarity to any one of said sequences or a nucleotide sequence capable of hybridizing to any one of said sequences under low stringency conditions at 42°C.

**Amend the paragraph in lines 25-27 on page 10 to read:**

The present is particularly exemplified in relation to *Mycobacterium* antigens B.4, B.6, B.10, MMP and C17 having amino acid sequences and corresponding nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:9 respectively.

**Amend the paragraph in lines 1-3 on page 11 to read:**

Accordingly, another aspect of the present invention provides a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:10 or an amino acid sequence having at least 60% similarity to any one of said sequences.

**Amend the paragraph in lines 4-7 on page 11 to read:**

Yet a further aspect of the present invention provides a polypeptide encoded by a nucleotide sequence selected from SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:9 or a nucleotide sequence having at least 60% similarity to any one of said sequences or a nucleotide sequence capable of hybridizing to any one of said sequences under low stringency conditions at 42°C.

**Amend the paragraph in lines 8-11 on page 1 to read:**

Even yet a further aspect of the present invention provides a nucleotide sequence selected from SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:9 or a nucleotide sequence having at least 60% similarity to any one of said sequences or a nucleotide sequence capable of hybridizing to any one of said sequences under low stringency conditions at 42°C.

**Amend the paragraph in lines 16-21 on page 36 to read:**

Nucleotide sequences and corresponding amino acid sequences were determined for antigens B.4, B.6, B.10, MMP and C17 and are shown in SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:9 respectively.